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California State Parks Seek Input Regarding Columbia Retail Concessions in Tuolumne County

COLUMBIA-- California State Parks is seeking public input regarding three retail concessions located in Columbia State Historic Park on Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., at Eagle Cotage, 11195 Washington Street, Columbia, CA 95310.

Two of the concessions contracts have expired and have been operating on a month-to-month tenancy. The third concession is currently being renovated.

Columbia is distinguished by having the largest collection of Gold Rush-era structures in California. Through concessions, much of the town's business district has been re-created, offering historic-style stores, saloons, restaurants, and hotels. Recent visitor attendance reports indicate Columbia SHP attracts an average of 497,000 visitors each year.

This meeting is to solicit public input and ideas prior to completion of Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the operation of the retail concessions at three separate locations within Columbia SHP. For further information contact Peggy Harwell, Calaveras Sector Concessions Specialist at (209) 536-2917, email pharwell@parks.ca.gov or Teresa Montijo at (916) 653-4574, email tmontijo@parks.ca.gov in the Concessions, Reservations, and Fees Division.

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California State Parks welcomes all visitors. If members of your group have special needs, please contact us in advance to arrange accommodation.



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